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SENATE BILL 1094

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8 and Title 62, Chapter 35, relative to retired law enforcement officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 4 as a new part thereto.

SECTION 2. A law enforcement officer who has retired in good standing as certified by the chief law enforcement officer of the organization from which the officer retired shall be authorized to wear a uniform appropriate to the rank of such person at the time of retirement. Such uniform shall have an identifying emblem under the law enforcement shield that is at least one and one-half inches (1-½") in length and one-half inch (1/2") in height. The emblem shall have the word "RETIRED" printed clearly on it.

SECTION 3. A law enforcement officer who retires in good standing shall be permitted to attend annually a school certified or recognized by the peace officers standards and training commission. A retired law enforcement officer who annually completes successfully at least forty (40) hours of a training course shall be certified. A retired law enforcement officer shall not be charged any costs or fees for attending training courses to retain certification as a law

enforcement officer. If a private trainer is employed to conduct training for retired law enforcement officers, no costs or fees shall be charged to the retired law enforcement officers.

SECTION 4. A law enforcement officer who retires in good standing and who is certified shall be permitted to join a reserve law enforcement officer program and, upon request of the applicable law enforcement organization, shall be permitted to serve with full-time law enforcement officers in the exercise of their duties.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-35-118(d), is amended by adding a new subdivision thereto, as follows:

(4) The requirements of (a) and (b) do not apply to an applicant for registration who is a law enforcement officer who retired in good standing and who is certified by the peace officer standards and training commission. The commissioner may issue a temporary registration card to such officer upon the commissioner's verification of the officer's certification.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.